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The Figures of some Antiquities; communicated by a Member of the Royal Society.

Ring of Corinthian Brass with a Vizard of Silenus in a Sardonix.

2. An Amulet of the Gnosticks cut in a Chalcedonian, the names of certain Æones or Intelligences.

- 3. A Teffera of Chrystal having on one side XIIII. on the other I.A.
- 4. A Fortune and a half Diana in an Onyx.
- s. An Ancient Picture of the Virgin in a Chalcedonian.
- 6. A Cameus, with a mixture of severall Gods.
- 7. An Onyx.
- 8. A Glass Lachrymatory.

A Letter of Dr Lister's to Mr Ray, concerning fome particulars that might be added to the Ornithology.

Sir,

N answer to your kind Letter, I send you, what I designed for you some years since, viz. an Abstract of my Notes about Birds, which may be added to yours and Mr. Willughby's History of Birds, if you think sit; such as they are take them.

Fringilla montana major] Sea Larks nostris Aucupibus appellantur. Sc. in Agro Eboracensi sæviente Bruma sat copiose capiuntur.

Rubeculæ excrementa semper liquida sunt; etiamsi illa ovorum luteis duriter coctis victitet; intestinis Cæcis D d d caret, caret, aut ea valde exigua & inutilia habet. Muscarum autem cortices, & quæ ex id genus Victu sacile coqui & eliquari in ventriculo non possunt; sigura rotunda, pisorum in modum rejicit.

Morinellus Anglorum] Hæ Aves bis in anno loca paludosa relinquint & se in campos montosos gregatim reci-

pinat: Sc. Aprili & Augusto.

Transmigrationis autem causa ex Victu petenda est. Nam tum temporis aves quoddam Cibi genus ibidem reperiendum appetunt; ut autem id certo scirem, plurium Ventriculos dissecui, in quibus maximam partem Scarabæos quosdam minutos & nigricantes inveni; at inter alia & Costos & Cochleas Terres exiguas adverti.

Anserum ferorum 5 genera vulgo numerantur in agro Eboracensi satis frequentium (1) The little Spanish Goose, Sc. æque parvus ac Brenta, sed figura & colore quodammodo ad Anserem Domesticum accedens, ab Hispania denominatur. (2) The Barnicle, satis cognitus. (3) The Scotch Goose, Sc. Vulgatissimus ferus, à Scotia ad nos, exeunte Augusto, adveniens, è quibus fere constant innumeri illi Greges qui in planis Campis/the Woolds dictis) & alibi passim inveniuntur. (4) The Whilk Anser maximus niger, ineunte bruma primum adveniens; raro alibi quam in Pratis, pascuisque herba pascitur. (5) Anser Palustris noster, Grey Lagg, dictus; huic magnitudo Anseri Domestico subpar. Caput ex susco nigricat, & ad medium Collum insuscatur; dorsum ex cinereo livescit; ipsæ autem Alæ, & earum remiges nigricant: Uropygium albescit, ejusque pennæ externæ albidæ sunt: Venter cinereus; is vero imus sensim sit niveus: Rostrum à Capite ad mediam fere partem nigrum, deinde subpurpureum, ipso ejus apice nigro; in superiore mandibulo non nisi unus denticulorum ordo, atque idem simplex ordo in inferiore; item huic lingua utrinque uno denticillorum ordine armatur. Pedes subpurpurei sive Carnei coloris, ungues fere albidi, excepto medii digiti, qui ex majore

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majore parte nigricat. Pendet libras 7, & fere dimidium, In Paludibus Agri Eboracensis nidisicant, ipsi & earum Pulli mense Majo pinguescunt, & in deliciis habentur.

Ad lanios ea Avicula referenda est, quam à Germanis Silk-tail vulgo appellari audio; harum unam aut alteram sclopeti glande transsixam, Eboraci, exeunte Januario Anni 1680 vidi. Sane perquam elegans Avicula est, magnitudine Turdum sere æquabat: huic in extremis Alarum pennis 4 aut 5 apices parvi coccinei nudi, Cornei, minime plumis vestiti; item in extrema cauda limbus latus, luteus instar corticis Citri, cætera maximam partem Lanium colore refert.

Hos lanios in Prusia frequentes esse ajunt Mercatores

nostri.

Sir, I will not affirm the Grey Lagg to be different from the common Wild Goofe: your Description and mine so well agree, save in the colour of the Bill and Leggs. The design of the Lanius, I can send you done from the Skin.

I am, Sir, Your most Humble Servant M. LISTER.

I have since viewed the Bill of the Bird called Silk-Tail at Mr. Charltons, and find it to mant the notches in the upper part of the Bill proper to the Lanius kind. It must therefore be removed, and put amongst the Jay's.

See Dr. Lister's Figure of the Silk-Tail Fig. 9th.

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